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CULTIVATION OF WORLD LEVEL QUALITY COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts being made by the Government to encourage the cultivation of world level quality cotton in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to establish a Cotton Research Centre in the country; and

(c) if so, the time by which this Cotton Research Centre is likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): In order to increase production, Productivity and improve quality of cotton, Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) is under implementation since 2000-01 in 13 States viz; Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Technology Mission on Cotton has four mini Missions. Mini Mission-I deals with the research and Development of technologies and is implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Mini Mission-II deals with the development programmes for increasing production and productivity of cotton. It is implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Mini Mission-III deals with development of marketing infrastructure by undertaking activities like construction of market yards, auction centres, grading facilities, laboratories for testing of quality cotton etc. The upgradation and modernization of ginning and pressing factories to improve quality of cotton is undertaken under Mini Mission − IV. Mini Mission-III & IV are implemented by the Ministry of Textiles.

(b): For research on cotton the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has already established Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) at Nagpur with regional stations at Sirsa (Haryana) and Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu). The cotton research is also conducted through the Centers of All India coordinated Cotton Improvement Project locatead at different State Agricultural Universities in the country.

(c): Does not arise.